

Weekend Weather

Today: Sunny – high 77, low 55

Saturday: Partly cloudy – high 76, low 56

Sunday: Mostly sunny – high 74, low 56



Sorties

Squadron	Month	Year
8th FW	+26	+46
35th FS	+5	+51
80th FS	+21	-5



Family days announced

General William Begert, Pacific Air Forces commander, has established Nov. 23, Dec. 24 and 31 as "Family days."
"Family days are times when we should recognize and say thanks for all the good things in our lives – families, friends, our nation and freedom," Begert said.



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ROK general visits Kunsan, expresses condolences

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The Republic of Korea 9th Corps commanding general visited here for the first time Tuesday to express sympathy and discuss with base leadership the attacks that occurred in the United States Sept. 11.

"I would like to send my condolences," Lt. Gen. Cho, Yong Ho said in a meeting with Col. Burt Field, 8th Fighter Wing commander. "We will give our full support and cooperation for the force protection of the base."

Field said he was grateful for the condolences and concerns for the United States of America and for the support given to the base.

"The integration of the Korean National Police and Republic of Korea Army and Air Force for ensuring the safety and security of the base and people is greatly appreciated throughout the wing," he said. "All the people stationed at this base feel very secure in Kunsan."

Cho stated that he was watching the evening news at 9:50 p.m. Sept. 11 when the attacks occurred.

Because of the cooperative relations between the ROK and U.S. forces, the general said they were able to respond



Photo by Airman 1st Class Brian Hill

Lt. Gen. Cho, Yong Ho, Republic of Korea Army 9th Corps commanding general (top), visited Kunsan Tuesday. During a meeting with Col. Burt Field, 8th Fighter Wing commander, and several 8th Fighter Wing squadron commanders, Cho expressed his condolences for the terrorist attacks on New York and Washington D.C.

quickly to the crises and ensure the base was protected.

"As a military leader, I took the responsibility and made the decision with the different agencies," he said. "Since we didn't know what was going to happen next, we took the responsibility right away."

The forces have to think like the enemy, protect the base and be ready for their unpredictable ways, said Cho.

"During this time, we have to do it right so we can send the message to the terrorists," he said.

Kunsan Air Base falls under the 9th Army Corps area of operations.

The meeting included Col. Son Wan Soo, ROK Army 9th Corps director of operations; Col. Baek, Moon Hean, ROK Air Force 38th Fighter Group commander; Col. So, Pyong Mo, ROK Army 106th Regiment commander; Col. Thomas Ardern, 8th FW vice commander; Col. Michael Gardiner, 8th Support Group commander; and Lt. Col. Clifford Day, 8th Security Forces commander.

DOD authorizes Stop-Loss

WASHINGTON — The secretary of defense has authorized the use of Stop-Loss measures in order to support President Bush's campaign against terrorism, Air Force officials at the Pentagon said Sept. 20.

The decision, which gives service departments the authority to retain members beyond established dates of separation or retirement, was made by Donald Rumsfeld on Sept. 19, said Lt. Col. Jan Middleton, chief of promotion, evaluation and separation policy for the Air Force.

"The purpose of this action is to meet mission requirements in support of Operation Noble Eagle and any follow-on operations regarding the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on the nation," she said.

Those attacks, in which hijackers flew airliners into New York's World Trade Centers, in addition to the Pentagon, killed thousands of Americans and sent shockwaves throughout the world. In a Sept. 20 address to Congress, President Bush responded to the attacks by essentially declaring war on the world's network of terrorism.

As a result, as many as 50,000 reservists — including people in each branch of service — have been called to active duty in recent days. Title 10 of U.S. Code permits the president to enact Stop-Loss measures when such a call-up takes place, Middleton

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AF people can keep 'use or lose' leave

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Active-duty military members will not lose accumulated annual leave in excess of 60 days as a result of recent increased force protection measures.

Any scheduled leave that is lost between Sept. 11 and 30 will be restored, said Maj. Karen Corrente, chief of Air Force Travel, Transportation and Benefits Policy at the Pentagon.

"However, this restored leave must be used by the end of September 2002," she said.

According to 8th Mission Support

Squadron military personnel flight commander Capt. Ann Shigeta, personnel who accumulate more than 60 days, as a result of being recalled from or not allowed to take annual leave, are able to keep up to an additional 20 days of annual leave.

"Personnel who have additional days of leave in the use or lose category will need to submit the appropriate paperwork to be given the authorization to carry the excess days of leave over into the new fiscal year," said Shigeta.

For more information on local leave policies, please call the MPF at 782-7213.